

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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**St Patrick's, in communion with St Saviour's Primary School - Madonna Sleba (4637 1700)
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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



Fourth Sunday of Easter 30 April 2023

First reading: Acts 2:14 God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25 You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia alleluia! I am the food shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:1-10 I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Pope Francis has gifted to Prince Charles an amazing personal gift for his coronation from the treasuries of the Catholic church. In a grand ecumenical gesture, Pope Francis has given wood slithers from what is believed to be the true cross on which Christ was crucified. These pieces have been intricately placed within the centre of the processional cross, encased in rose crystal to be used for the entrance of the coronation ceremony. In fact it will lead and enter Westminster Abbey before all others.

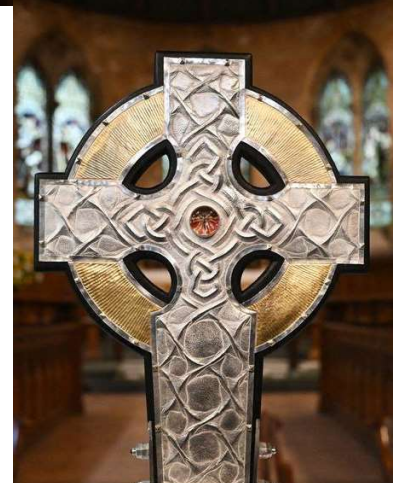
On the reverse of the cross will be the following words, "Byddwch lawen. Cadwch y ffydd. Gwnewch y Pethau Bychain". If your Welsh is a little rusty it translates as, **"Be joyful. Keep the faith. Do the little things."** These are the words taken from the last sermon of Saint David, the Patron Saint of Wales, who lived in the sixth century.

Pope Francis of course could have not given any acknowledgment to the coronation, but chose to take the opportunity to further, through this powerful piece of symbolism, the strong connection we have with the Church of England. He highlights the ecumenical mission strengthened through Vatican II and the common journey of faith we share. The processional cross will not be put in a cupboard and hidden away after the coronation, but will be shared amongst both the Catholic and Anglican churches throughout Wales.

To me it also reminds us that we need, as a church to be involved in the world. To draw on occasions and events that help us gain inspiration and renewed passion.

Jesus in today's gospel draws on the happenings around him that have meaning to lead us to understanding. Nothing as grand as a coronation and a king, but rather the simple job description of a shepherd and his flock. Jesus takes from the world and moulds another meaning. The role of a shepherd is to guide, protect, lead and care for his sheep. To be there with them should some danger present itself. The gate is the entrance point for the sheep. Once they enter the gate they will be safe and find good pasture. It allows them to concentrate on what is needed to survive without having to worry about what is beyond their control. The gate is the way to freedom. Jesus invites us to realise that He is the gate. So we ask ourselves "What is the gate that Jesus is asking us to enter to bring us freedom?" "What is it we need to find when we enter?" We enter because we know the Shepherd is with us – we believe and have confidence in never being left alone. Is the Good Shepherd inviting us to enter into peacefulness, joy, love, forgiveness, faith? Or do we need to hear more deeply the words of St David, *"Be joyful. Keep the faith. Do the little things"*?

God's Blessings on your Eastertide journey, Fr. Michael



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** David Green, Juanita 'Nita' Matthew. May perpetual light shine upon them.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Noel Hannant.

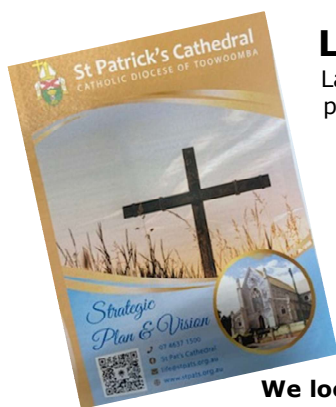
✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Trevor Cavanagh, Martin Flannery, Blake Cusato, Bernadette Farrell, Greg Coddington, Gayle Christoffel, Stanley Poon, Pat Murray, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are hosting a **Mother's Day Cent Sale** at The Cathedral Centre, Saturday 6 May, doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Entry \$10 which includes afternoon tea and two sheets of tickets. Extra tickets \$1 for a sheet of 100. All proceeds to The Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 46321818.

URGENT NOTICE: As we are now permitted to have Communion under both kinds there is a real need for more Communion Ministers. If you would like to be involved in this important Ministry please contact the Parish Office on 4637 1500 during working Hours. Training will be provided.

Talk on the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Monday 1 May 6:30pm - Fr Nathan will present on the Rite of Reconciliation in the Cathedral Centre after 5:30pm Mass. The talk hopes to explore the celebration of the sacrament as a space to deepen one's experience of God's mercy beyond ritual piety and not held back by 'Catholic Guilt'.

COMMUNION FROM THE CUP Now that the Cup has been reintroduced for Communion at all Sunday Masses, it is timely to remind everyone of the standard Communion protocols. In the first instance, the Host is taken on the hand and *consumed immediately*. If a person wishes to partake of the Cup, they move to the Communion Minister holding the cup. The person takes the Cup as it is offered, then returns the Cup to the minister, who will then wipe the rim thoroughly turning the Cup a quarter, before handing the Cup to the next communicant. PLEASE NOTE: Intinction is *not* permitted – that is, it is not appropriate to hold onto the Host and intinct (dip) it into the Cup.



Life@stpats

Last year you may remember that we asked you to complete a questionnaire in regards to our parish. The questions posed included "What makes you feel at home at St Patricks?, How can we better serve your needs, and How can we bring the good news to others as a community?"

We called this endeavour "Life@stpats". The answers to these questions were grouped under three headings – or PILLARS – **Believing, Belonging, Becoming**.

After collating the responses from you, we, the Parish Council spent time reflecting on the deeper meaning, needs and hopes that were contained within. Our overall goal was to produce a Strategic Plan and Vision for St Patrick's Cathedral Community.

We look forward to the launch on Pentecost Sunday and discussing with you the Strategic Plan and Vision for St Patrick's Cathedral Community. We hope you will see reflected in the plan the vision you have for our community. We pray that you will generously help this dream to become a lived reality. Thank you for your passion which forms this vision.

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| Sunday 30 April [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's] | 7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am | 11am Baptism of Percival Jack Crump 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre |
| Monday 1 May | 9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC | PUBLIC HOLIDAY [Fr. Hal on holidays until 12/5] Talk on Reconcilliation after Mass – Cathedral Centre |
| Tuesday 2 May Saint Athanasius | 9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM | 5.30pm Choir Practice 6.00pm Grounds Committee meeting in Presbytery |
| Wednesday 3 May Saint Philip & James | 7am Mass SPC | 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre |
| Thursday 4 May | 7am Mass SPC | SPC Adoration 7.30am – 8.30am |
| Friday 5 May | 7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM | 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre |
| Saturday 6 May | 7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC | SPC 6.30am Rosary Reconciliation 8am – 9am 10am Baptism of Harvey Duncan Sypher |
| Sunday 7 May | 7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am | 11am Baptism of Florence Margaret Nichols 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre |

Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Planned Giving \$1238 Loose \$1990 Donation Point \$630 Money Counters this weekend: Jabour Hanna, Mick Cuskelly with Craig or Amanda Hogan.

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Planned Giving Options: Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number. Thank you.